WHEREAS, In 1929, after his ordination, Father Patrick J. O'Connor came to the United States from Killsrney, County Kerry, Ireland; and,

WHEREAS, After spending twenty years in New York, knowing South Dakota was the paradise of America, came to the Diocese of Repid City, and served the faithful of Rapid City, Milesville, Phillip, and Fort Pierre, where he presently resides; and,

WHEREAS, Father O'Connor has greatly benefited this State through the dedication of his life to the purpose of providing an example of rightful actions and moral character; and,

WHEREAS, Father O'Connor has dedicated his life to the betterment of the Church and its people, and we in South Dakota are proud and fortunate to have among us such a fine individual as Father O'Connor; and.

WHEREAS, Monday, June 18, 1979, marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of Father O'Connor's ordination into the priesthood; and,

WHEREAS, This event is worthy of public recognition in the State of South Dakota, and it is fitting and proper that the Governor make note of this special occasion:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Monday, June 18, 1979, as

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in South Dakota, and join his many friends in wishing him a very happy Golden Anniversary, and many more years of health and happiness in the Great State of South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine

TILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE